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TOPIC Brand Airfield

EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED	11 September 1952
REFERENCES		
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REMARKS		

1. At 10:45 a.m. on 25 July, two jet bombers [redacted] took off from Brand airfield. At 11 a.m., four type-27 planes [redacted] were observed taking off. At 2:40 p.m., 19 jet bombers of both types were parked along the southern taxiway. At 9:30 a.m. on 29 July, a biplane circled the field. No jet bombers were flown until afternoon. 25X1
2. Shrapnelproof concrete strips, each 12 meters wide, 35 meters long and 15 centimeters thick, were to be constructed near the concrete hardstands along the southern and northern taxiways. Upon completion of this work, shrapnelproof walls were to be erected around the concrete lanes. 25X1
3. Additional aircraft dispersal areas were planned to be constructed north of the northern taxiway. These dispersal areas were to be connected with the northern taxiway by several connecting lanes. The target date for completion of the work was fixed for 30 September 1952. (1) 25X1
4. Work on an adjustment stand was started in the northeastern corner of the northern taxiway, about 150 meters west of the runway end. The adjustment stand is to be connected with the northern taxiway by a concrete lane. This work is to be completed by 31 August 1952. (2)
5. On 25 and 29 July, 25 new round fuel containers were observed on the road next to the fuel dump. These containers are to be dug in the ground near the containers which are already available. (3)
6. On 29 July, 12 limbered AA guns having an estimated calibre of 76 centimeters were observed at the southwestern corner of the southern taxiway. Twenty-four trucks and 24 tents, occupied by the AAA unit were south of the west end of the southern taxiway, near the former construction material depot of the Baumjion firm. At noon, two groups each of about 120 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the quarters of the AA unit and marched to the messhall. Twelve tents and 12 trucks were observed east of the east end of the runway. An AA gun emplacement was probably located there also. (4)

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8. At 3:40 p.m. on 27 July, 100 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were detained at Brand railroad station. The train came from Cottbus.

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9. A railroad tank car with gasoline from Veltan and six tank cars from Biesa Harbor arrived at the field on 4 August. Seven tank cars with petroleum from Biesa arrived on 5 August. On 7 August, 8 AA guns and 8 trucks were loaded on a train bound for Neu Buckow.

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On the train there were three boxcars for personnel and five boxcars for ammunition. Three majors were observed at the station.

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10. The following observations were made at the field between 4 and 9 August:
4 August. There was no flying throughout the day. After 8 p.m., the auxiliary runway lights were switched on. Between 8:30 p.m. and 3 a.m., there was night flying, the take-offs being made in rapid succession. It was observed that five take-offs were made within eight minutes. From the engine noise the aircraft assembled in formation near the field. The landings were made in rapid succession. No vehicular traffic to the ammunition dump was observed.

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5 August. There was no flying; the weather was warm and sunny.

6 August. Between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m., individual take-offs were made. The weather was very warm and sunny. After flying was discontinued,

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from east to west and five planes parked on the hardstand two type-27 planes were parked a little to the side.

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7 August. There was no flying although the weather was good.

8 August. Between 6:20 a.m. and 12:50 p.m., individual take-offs were made in rapid succession. The aircraft taxied to the take-off point on the taxiway at intervals of from 300 to 400 meters. After the take-off, nine type-27 planes assembled in wedge formation at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters and headed east. One hour later, the nine type-27 planes returned from the east, crossed the field at the same height, and the formation dissolved starting from the left wing. At noon, the planes landed within 7 minutes.

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Between the individual formation flights individual take-offs and landings were made in rapid succession. The aircraft of the formation were refueled from tank trucks and trailers while the planes which flew individually were refueled only from tank trucks.

9 August. At 1 a.m., individual take-offs were heard. No other flying activity was observed up to 1:30 p.m.

11. On 7 August, eight 76-mm AA guns and a canvas-covered instrument were observed at Brand railroad station. There were also some boxcars, some of which were occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 3 p.m., the cars were coupled to a freight train which left toward Berlin. (6)

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Comments.

(1) The report confirms the scheduled construction of shrapnelproof aircraft revetments and additional revetments north of the northern taxiway.

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(2) The construction of an adjustment stand was previously reported. This adjustment stand consists of a horizontal plate 18 x 70 meters, which is provided with a turn table. The approach road is to be 400 meters long.

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- 25X1 (3) [] previously reported that the fuel dump was increased by
another 45 containers, each with a capacity of 23 cubic meters and a
25X1 diameter of 2.2 meters. [] he reported arrival of 25
containers is considered as a confirmation of the assumption that the total
capacity of the fuel dump is being increased to 2 million liters.
- (4) The AA gun emplacements are known.
- (5) []
- 25X1 [] Neu Buckow is the unloading station for Wustrow Peninsula,
where AA firing is continuously practiced.
- (6) Noteworthy is the rapid procedure of flights at day and night, which indicates
that the unit is rather well trained. Brand airfield is still occupied by a
bomber regiment.

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